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SUBJECT: ITALY AND THE NPT

1. ON FEBRUARY 4 WHEN DIRGEN DUCCI SPOLE WITH ACDA DIRECTOR IKLE, ITALIAN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES WAS TIED UP IN DEBATE ON RADIO/TV REFORM BILL. HOWEVER BILL HAS NOW MOVED BACK INTO COMMITTEE AND CHAMBER IS FREE TO CONSIDER OTHER LEGISLATION, SUCH AS SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT.

2. GIVEN THE NECESSARY POLITICAL WILL, THERE IS NO OBSTACLE TO EARLY RATIFICATION OF THE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT, PROMPT CABINET CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF DRAFT LEGISLATION FOR THE NPT, AND ITS INTRODUCTION INTO PARLIAMENT.

3. WE ARE NOT PERSUADED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER RUMOR FULLY APPRECIATES ITALY'S CURRENT KEY ROLE, AND ITS STAKE, IN ENCOURAGING BROAD INTERNATIONAL ADHERENCE TO NPT BY ITS OWN TIMELY ACCESSION. I EXPECT TO SEE RUMOR, TOWARD THE END OF THIS WEEK, TO DISCUSS THIS AND OTHER MATTERS. VOLPE

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